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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of:

Morgan City, MS 38946  
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Docket No: A2012-46

Wayne E. Walker, Petitioner(s) :

## PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Morgan City, MS post office. The Final Determination was posted 10/04/2011.  
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

According to the Final Determination to Close the Morgan City, MS, Post Office  
it seems that the main reason to discontinue the office as stated in Item IV,  
is "Economic Savings," not the needs of the community. There were no other items  
listed in Item V. This would be in contrast to Title 39, USC Section 101(a)(b)  
attached.(Attachment #5).

Also, please see enclosed letter dated November 27, 2011, and Attachments  
numbered 1 through 4.

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November 27, 2011

Office of the Secretary

Postal Regulatory Commission

901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200

Washington, D.C. 20268

RE: Final Determination to Close the Morgan City, MS, Post Office

Document # A2012-46; Attachment to PRC Form 61, Participant Statement

In the Matter of Morgan City Post Office, Morgan City, MS 38946

Final Determination was posted October 04, 2011.

Dear Secretary:

As a concerned patron of the Morgan City, Mississippi, Post Office there are several issues I would like to bring to your attention. The issues are:

- 1) In the above referenced document mileage from Morgan City to Itta Bena is stated as 8 miles; according to Mapquest it is 10.3 miles. Mr. Amos said this would be corrected, but it has not been corrected as of this date. Attached are copies from MapQuest showing actual mileage.
- 2) The proposal is to have the rural route originate from Itta Bena, Mississippi, which is 10.3 miles away from Morgan City. The citizens of Morgan City and surrounding area currently can walk or travel 2-3 miles to utilize the Morgan City Post Office. Many of them cannot afford to drive the extra mileage, and there are still some who would have to pay someone to take them to Itta Bena.
- 3) Some patrons now who are eligible to be served by the Belzoni or Moorhead rural routes utilize the Post Office Boxes in Morgan City. These people, if currently renting a Box in Morgan City and who do not rent a Box in Itta Bena would, upon closing of the Morgan City Post Office, have to drive 17 miles to these towns to receive accountable mail.
- 4) As printed in your PS Form 1093-T dated July 2011, "There are many benefits to having a PO Box: Privacy; Confidentiality; Efficiency; Security and Accessibility." Eliminating the PO Boxes in Morgan City would negate the efficiency and accessibility and security they have trusted for almost 100 years. Attached is PS Form 1093-T dated July 2011.
- 5) There are 156 Boxes rented in Morgan City, and many of these Boxes have multiple people receiving mail, which would cause several hundred people to change their addresses.
- 6) People in Morgan City and surrounding area already have 9-1-1 addresses, but most prefer to utilize a Post Office Box instead of the Belzoni or Moorhead rural route. If the office is closed, will these people have to use their 9-1-1 address with Morgan City as the town, yet their delivery would come from Itta Bena or Belzoni or Moorhead rural routes?

- 7) It is stated that the Postmaster resigned on July 19, 2009. There has been ample time to appoint another Postmaster, and I am concerned why this has not been done. As shown in NAPUS.ORG website, "New Postmaster Appointment List" please note the following appointments to EAS-11 Postmaster positions: June 2010/7 appointments; July 2010/3 appointments; January 2011/3 appointments; May 2011/2 appointments; September 2011/2 appointments (not a complete list). This indicates that positions are being filled for EAS-11 Postmasters.
- 8) Document 1373772-38946, Item 15, Page 2 of the Post Office Survey Sheet indicates the Post Office Box rental rates are the same. But, the rates to rent a Box in Itta Bena are higher than at Morgan City. Attached are printouts from USPS website showing box rent rates for Itta Bena and for Morgan City.
- 9) The Final Determination states that Morgan City is unincorporated and governed by the County, which is wrong. It is incorporated with a Mayor and Board of Alderman. Attached is a copy of a letterhead page from the "Town of Morgan City."
- 10) Item 17, Page 2 shows the cost of keeping the present Office, but does not show any additional cost to convert to the rural route. Anytime you add mileage, rural boxes, and extra mail volume it will increase the costs of that route.
- 11) In the summary of the Final Determination to Close, it states the Postal Service will save approximately \$50,747.00 annually. This does not take into consideration the additional costs to the rural route, or HCR, and the loss of revenue from rental of the current 156 Boxes at Morgan City.
- 12) There were some businesses listed in the Final Determination, but several were omitted, including: White Plains LP; Paul's Firewood Sales; Sunbelt Masonry; M&E; Mossy Island Outfitters; Kaye Mincieli Painting; Morgan City Grocery; Fred B. Poindexter Farms; Ridgecrest Farms; Jolly Properties LLC; Morgan City Fire Department; Millican Planting Company; and Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. There may be several more I am not aware of.

I do not believe that closing the Morgan City Post Office and replacing it with rural delivery will provide the degree of regular and effective services that are currently available.

The Mississippi Delta has unique needs because of the poverty level of the unemployed, elderly and handicapped on government assistance, and shortage of jobs that pay above minimum wage. These citizens cannot easily access a Post Office that is not in their home town. To further impede their ability to perform postal transactions (buying money orders to pay bills, correspond with family members in other states, send and receive packages, etc.) would be devastating to this community.

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The very people in these small towns and rural communities that the United States Postal Service began serving by placing Post Offices within their reach, are now being deprived of this wonderful "service" by the closing of their windows to the world. City residents have always had this convenience and security and will not be affected adversely now. I would like to see the USPS return to its roots of SERVICE instead of upper management referring to it as a "company." There must be a common ground between the two, making the "company" successful in both finances and in people SERVICE.

Thank you.



Wayne E. Walker, Retired Postmaster (662) 254-9135

c/o Morgan City Presbyterian Church

P. O. Box 385

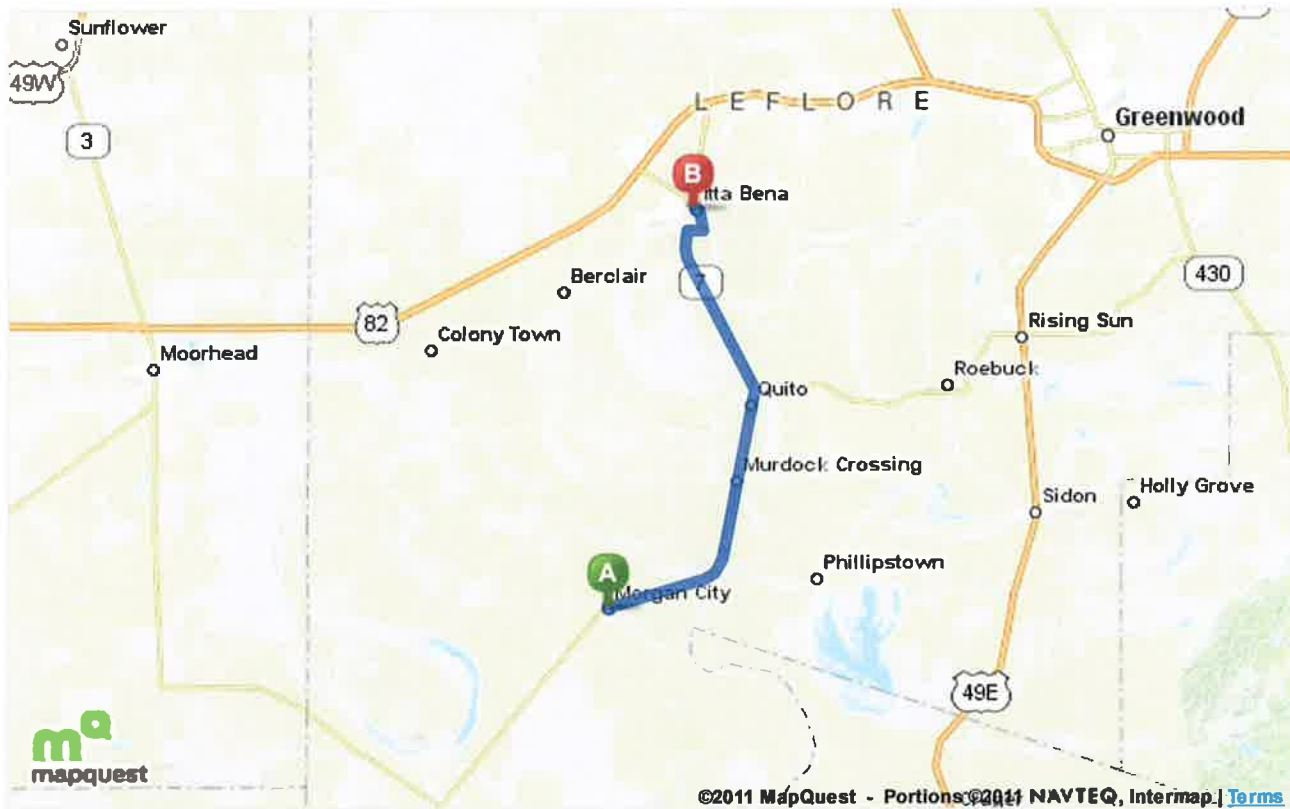
Morgan City, MS 38946-0385

- Attachments:
- 1) Actual Mileage from MapQuest
  - 2) Copy of PS Form 1093-T
  - 3) USPS Box Rental Rates for Itta Bena and Morgan City, MS
  - 4) Letterhead from "Town of Morgan City, Mississippi"

Total Travel Estimate: **10.39 miles - about 19 minutes**

ATTACHMENT #1

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**Trip to:**  
**100 Dewey St**  
**Itta Bena, MS 38941-1903**  
**10.39 miles**  
**19 minutes**

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	<b>208 Delta St</b> Morgan City, MS 38946-9700	<b>Miles Per Section</b>	<b>Miles Driven</b>
	1. Start out going <b>southwest</b> on <b>Delta St</b> toward <b>2nd Ave.</b>	<b>Go 0.01 Mi</b>	0.01 mi
	2. Turn <b>right</b> onto <b>2nd Ave.</b> <i>US Post Office is on the right</i>	<b>Go 0.04 Mi</b>	0.04 mi
	3. Turn <b>right</b> onto <b>MS-7.</b>	<b>Go 9.6 Mi</b>	9.6 mi
	4. Turn <b>right</b> onto <b>MS-7 / Lake Side St.</b>	<b>Go 0.3 Mi</b>	9.9 mi
	5. Take the 3rd <b>left</b> onto <b>Basket St / MS-7.</b> <i>Basket St is just past Main St</i> <i>If you are on Lakeside Dr and reach George St you've gone about 0.2 miles too far</i>	<b>Go 0.4 Mi</b>	10.3 mi
	6. Turn <b>left</b> onto <b>Humphreys St.</b> <i>Humphreys St is just past Front St</i> <i>Itta-Bena Morgan City Prsbytm is on the corner</i> <i>If you reach Fitzhugh St you've gone a little too far</i>	<b>Go 0.07 Mi</b>	10.4 mi
	7. <b>Humphreys St</b> becomes <b>Dewey St.</b>		10.4 mi
	8. <b>100 DEWEY ST</b> is on the <b>right.</b> <i>If you reach Fitzhugh St you've gone a little too far</i>		10.4 mi
	<b>100 Dewey St</b> Itta Bena, MS 38941-1903	<b>10.4 mi</b>	<b>10.4 mi</b>

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Total Travel Estimate: **17.86 miles** - about **33 minutes**



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**900 E Delta Ave**  
**Moorhead, MS 38761-9500**

**17.9 mi**

**17.9 mi**

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**Trip to:**  
 900 E Delta Ave  
 Moorhead, MS 38761-9500  
 17.86 miles  
 33 minutes

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### What is your 2011 Credit Score?

😊	<b>Excellent</b>	750 - 840
😊	<b>Good</b>	660 - 749
😊	<b>Fair</b>	620 - 659
😊	<b>Poor</b>	340 - 619
😊	<b>I Don't Know</b>	????

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**208 Delta St**  
 Morgan City, MS 38946-9700

**Miles Per  
Section**      **Miles  
Driven**



1. Start out going **southwest** on **Delta St** toward **2nd Ave.**

**Go 0.01 Mi**      0.01 mi



2. Turn **right** onto **2nd Ave.**  
*US Post Office is on the right*

**Go 0.04 Mi**      0.04 mi



3. Turn **left** onto **MS-7.**

**Go 5.1 Mi**      5.2 mi



4. Turn **right** onto **Mother in Law Rd.**  
*If you reach CR-65 you've gone about 0.6 miles too far*

**Go 1.2 Mi**      6.3 mi



5. **Mother in Law Rd** becomes **CR-508.**

**Go 2.1 Mi**      8.4 mi



6. **CR-508** becomes **Three Mile Lake Rd.**

**Go 3.0 Mi**      11.4 mi



7. **Three Mile Lake Rd** becomes **Macon Lake Rd.**

**Go 4.1 Mi**      15.6 mi



8. **Macon Lake Rd** becomes **Moorhead-Belzani.**

**Go 1.6 Mi**      17.2 mi



9. Turn **right** onto **Moorhead-Belzani / MS-3 / Olive St.** Continue to follow **MS-3 / Olive St.**

**Go 0.6 Mi**      17.8 mi



10. Turn **left** onto **Washington St.**  
*Washington St is just past N Southern Ave*  
*If you reach State St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far*

**Go 0.06 Mi**      17.9 mi



11. Take the 1st **right** onto **E Delta Ave.**  
*Chosen Generation Ministries is on the corner*  
*If you reach W Delta Ave you've gone a little too far*

17.9 mi



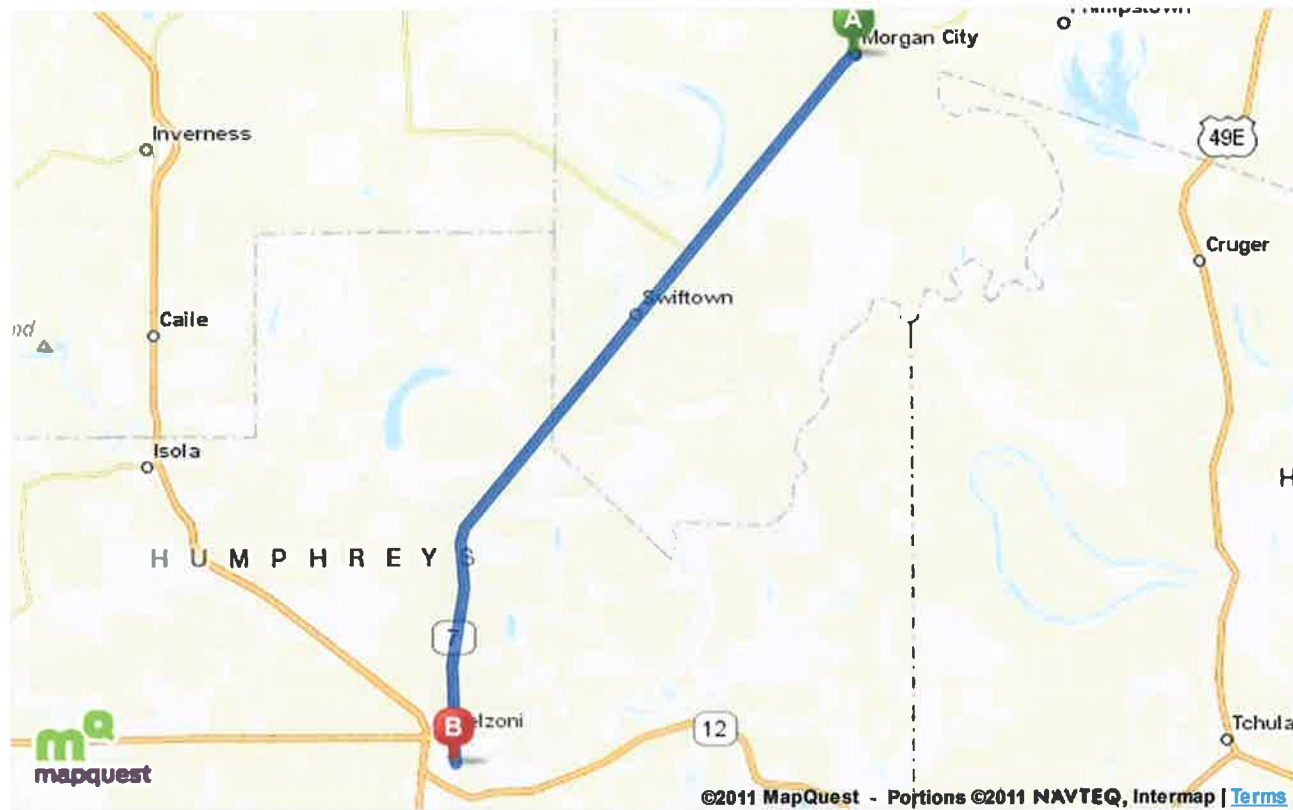
12. **900 E DELTA AVE** is on the **right.**  
*If you reach State St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far*

17.9 mi

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**Trip to:**  
 102 Church St  
 Belzoni, MS 39038-3930  
**17.07 miles**  
**32 minutes**

	<b>208 Delta St</b> Morgan City, MS 38946-9700	<b>Miles Per Section</b>	<b>Miles Driven</b>
	1. Start out going <b>southwest</b> on <b>Delta St</b> toward <b>2nd Ave.</b>	<b>Go 0.01 Mi</b>	0.01 mi
	2. Turn <b>right</b> onto <b>2nd Ave.</b> <i>US Post Office is on the right</i>	<b>Go 0.04 Mi</b>	0.04 mi
	3. Turn <b>left</b> onto <b>MS-7.</b>	<b>Go 16.4 Mi</b>	16.5 mi
	4. Turn <b>left</b> onto <b>1st St.</b> <i>1st St is 0.1 miles past Lincoln St</i> <i>Varsity Restaurant is on the right</i> <i>If you are on S Hayden St and reach W Lowery St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far</i>	<b>Go 0.08 Mi</b>	16.6 mi
	5. Take the 2nd <b>right</b> onto <b>Church St.</b> <i>Church St is just past Hayden Aly</i> <i>Delta Burial Corp is on the corner</i> <i>If you reach Fisk Ave you've gone a little too far</i>	<b>Go 0.5 Mi</b>	17.1 mi
	6. <b>102 CHURCH ST</b> is on the <b>left.</b> <i>Your destination is just past E Jackson St</i> <i>If you reach Castleman St you've gone a little too far</i>		17.1 mi
	<b>102 Church St</b> Belzoni, MS 39038-3930	<b>17.1 mi</b>	<b>17.1 mi</b>

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It's easy and affordable to take control of your address, your mail and your life with a PO Box™ from the Postal Service™.

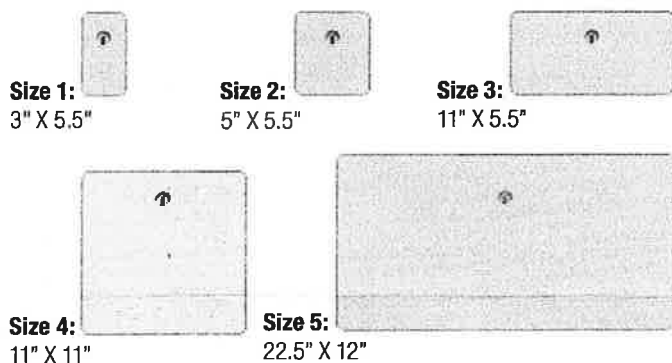
## THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO HAVING A PO BOX:

**Privacy:** Your home address is just that – your home. With a PO Box, you can keep your home address private.

**Confidentiality:** Since you have the only key to your PO Box, important documents and personal communications stay confidential.

**Efficiency:** A PO Box makes it easy to separate business mail from personal mail.

**Security and Accessibility:** Control when and where you get your mail. Your mail and packages are secure until you are ready to pick them up. Many Post Office™ locations have extended business hours and/or 24-hour Post Office Box Lobby access.



## Select the right size for your mail volume and schedule:

Across the U.S., Postal Service™ PO Boxes are available in five sizes. However, not all Post Office locations have every size.

Our smallest box (Size 1) fits 10–15 letter-sized envelopes or up to two rolled magazines. Start with a Size 2 box if you receive more than 15 mailpieces a week. Size 3, 4, or 5 is recommended if you receive magazines and catalogs.

It's easy to find a box that's right for you. Find an available PO Box by going to [www.yourotheraddress.com](http://www.yourotheraddress.com).

If you need more room than our largest box provides, ask at your local Post Office about Business Mail Pickup (Caller) Service.

## FEES

To find a PO Box in your area and get fee information, visit [www.yourotheraddress.com](http://www.yourotheraddress.com). You may pay your initial PO Box fees online or at a Post Office.

## THERE ARE TWO SIMPLE WAYS TO APPLY

**Apply online:** Complete the online application at [www.usps.com/poboxes](http://www.usps.com/poboxes) and make your first payment with a credit or debit card. (Online registration is not available for Business Mail Pickup (Caller) Service or Qualifying No-Fee box customers.)

**Apply at a Post Office:** Complete pages 3 and 4 and take this whole form to a Post Office most convenient for you. Once we verify your information and receive your payment, we will provide your PO Box address and begin your service.

## ID REQUIRED

Whether you apply online or at a Post Office, **two valid forms of identification** are required when you obtain your keys or combination at the Post Office where your box is located. You must present the IDs at a Post Office. One item must contain a photograph and one must be traceable to the bearer (prove your physical address). Both must be current. Acceptable forms of ID include:

### Photo ID Options:

- Valid driver's license or state non-driver's identification card
- Armed forces, government, university, or recognized corporate identification card
- Passport, passport card, alien registration card, or certificate of naturalization

### Non-Photo ID Options:

- Current lease, mortgage, or deed of trust
- Voter or vehicle registration card
- Home or vehicle insurance policy

**Note:** Social Security cards, credit cards, and birth certificates are not acceptable forms of ID.

## RENEWAL PAYMENTS

Renewal payments are due the last day of the month your service period ends. If your payment is late, you will not be able to access the mail in your box. After 10 days of nonpayment, we remove the mail, treat it as undeliverable, and close your box. You may also incur a late payment fee. Note that closed PO Boxes are available for new customers immediately, so late payment can lead to loss of your PO Box address. You may renew your PO Box online, at a Post Office, by mail, or at an Automated Postal Center® (APC®). It is your responsibility to pay your renewal fee on time. Convenient payment options are:

**Pay online:** Use a valid credit or debit card to make a one-time payment or set up automatic renewal payments at [www.usps.com/poboxes](http://www.usps.com/poboxes).

**Pay in person:** Pay at the Post Office where your PO Box is located using cash, check, credit card, or debit card, or set up automatic renewal payments (available at most Post Offices).

**Pay at any Automated Postal Center (APC):** Find an APC at [www.usps.com/locator](http://www.usps.com/locator) or by downloading the mobile application at [www.usps.com/mobile](http://www.usps.com/mobile).

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## PO Boxes Online

### Search Results

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Select a box size and payment period for the most convenient location. Each page below lists up to 5 Post Offices.

Note: Be sure to scroll down to see all 5 locations. To see more than 5 locations, go to the bottom of this page and click the next page number. Once you have reserved a PO Box online, you must go to the Post Office where the box is located and present your printed application form and [two forms of acceptable identification](#).

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#### Post Office - ITTA BENA

0.37 Mile

100 DEWEY ST,  
ITTA BENA, MS 38941

Phone: (662) 254-9112  
On-site parking available: Yes

Size ?	6 months	12 months	Availability ?
1 (3 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$23.00	<input type="radio"/> \$46.00	Yes
2 (5 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$35.00	<input type="radio"/> \$70.00	Yes
3 (11 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$55.00	<input type="radio"/> \$110.00	Yes
4 (11 IN X 11 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$110.00	<input type="radio"/> \$220.00	Yes

[PO Box lobby hours](#)[Business hours](#)

**Special message:** The above list indicates only the box sizes available at this Post Office. You may also select to be on the wait list for a particular box size.

#### Post Office - MORGAN CITY

0.02 Mile

208 DELTA ST,  
MORGAN CITY, MS 38946

Phone: (662) 254-7253  
On-site parking available: Yes

Size ?	6 months	12 months	Availability ?
1 (3 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$21.00	<input type="radio"/> \$42.00	Yes
2 (5 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$28.00	<input type="radio"/> \$56.00	Yes
3 (11 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$50.00	<input type="radio"/> \$100.00	Yes

[PO Box lobby hours](#)[Business hours](#)

**Special message:** The above list indicates only the box sizes available at this Post Office. You may also select to be on the wait list for a particular box size.

TOWN OF MORGAN CITY, MISSISSIPPI  
P.O. BOX 123  
MORGAN CITY, MS 38946

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*Martha Mullen, Mayor*

Terry Nix, Alderman  
Billy Haggie, Sr. Alderman  
Bert Robertson, Alderman

Carolyn Branch, Alderwoman  
Royce Moses-Nix, Alderwoman  
Leslie Addison, City Clerk

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TITLE 39 - **POSTAL SERVICE**

PART I - GENERAL

CHAPTER 1 - **POSTAL** POLICY AND DEFINITIONS

-HEAD-

Sec. 101. **Postal** policy

-STATUTE-

(a) The United States **Postal Service** shall be operated as a basic and fundamental **service** provided to the people by the Government of the United States, authorized by the Constitution, created by Act of Congress, and supported by the people. The **Postal Service** shall have as its basic function the obligation to provide **postal services** to bind the Nation together through the personal, educational, literary, and business correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable, and efficient **services** to patrons in all areas and shall render **postal services** to all

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communities. The costs of establishing and maintaining the **Postal Service** shall not be apportioned to impair the overall value of such **service** to the people.

(b) The **Postal Service** shall provide a maximum degree of effective and regular **postal services** to rural areas, communities, and small towns where post offices are not self-sustaining. No small post office shall be closed solely for operating at a deficit, it being the specific intent of the Congress that effective **postal services** be insured to residents of both urban and rural communities.